

Fall 2015 Household Hazardous Waste Schedule

Dispose of unwanted household hazardous waste products by scheduling an at-home pickup between September 28 and October 23. **An itemized list is needed, so please have that ready when you call to schedule your appointment.** The actual collections will be handled October 19 through November 6. Call the Sanitation Division at 623-930-2660 to make your appointment.

Hazardous materials that will be accepted include paints and wood stains, antifreeze and other automotive fluids, motor oil and filters, car batteries, pesticides, pool chemicals and household cleaners. Items that are unacceptable are explosives, radioactive materials, tires, drums, ammunition and medical or business wastes.

There is a 20-gallon limit per item on paint, oil, gasoline, antifreeze and other automotive liquids. No single container may be larger than 5-gallons. All items should be in their original containers and must be clearly marked to identify their contents. For complete details, visit glendaleaz.com/sanitation and click on "hazardous materials."

Make Your Appointment: September 28 – October 23

Collections: October 19 - November 6



Teddy Bears Make the World a Happier Place! Join us in Historic Downtown Glendale and Catlin Court on Saturday, September 12 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. as we celebrate National Teddy Bear Day. Have fun with friends, family and your favorite furry bears as you enjoy a fun-filled day of make-and-take arts and crafts and exclusive deals. Begin at the Glendale Visitor Center and pick up your map and West Valley Information pack (for the first 200 visitors) and take a spin on our prize wheel. Visit boutique stores, specialty shops, and downtown eateries for special offers and discounts. Al the Bear will be stopping by as well. This loveable, huggable bear will delight the young and young-at-heart! Be sure to bring your camera to get a picture with this



beary special guest! Additionally, the Visitor Center will be accepting new teddy bears (12" in size) to benefit the Glendale Fire Department Trauma Teddy Program, the Glendale Crisis Response Team and local children's charities. INFO: 623-930-4500 or visitglendale.com



2015 Arizona Cardinals/ NFL Punt, Pass & Kick Competition September 15

This is a national skills competition in which girls and boys in four separate age divisions compete against each other in punting, passing and place-kicking in a fun and engaging forum. Scores are based on distance and accuracy. This program is FREE for boys and girls ages 6–15. This year the local competition will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 15 at Foothill Sports Complex (57th Ave. & just north of Union Hills) on fields 1 and 2. Onsite registration begins at 5 p.m. and the competition begins at 6 p.m. Winners advance to the sectional competition to be held on Sunday, Nov. 8 at the Sahuaro Ranch Main Soccer field (59th Ave. & Mountain View). The top four boys and girls to finish in each age bracket of sectional competition champions will advance to the Team Championships at the University of Phoenix Stadium to be held during a regular season Cardinals home game. INFO: 623-930-2841

Digital Help Spot September 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30

Glendale Main Library, Creative Space 5959 W. Brown St.

Would you like to learn how to get free downloadable books, audiobooks and more from your library? Bring your smartphone, tablet or eReader with you and join Digital Librarian Marlene Jacobson at the Digital Help Spot on Wednesdays from $2-3\,\mathrm{p.m.}$ in the Creative Space at the Glendale Main Library. INFO: 623-930-3531









A Message from Mayor **Jerry P. Weiers**

This past June, the City of Glendale was awarded the 2015 Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award, the nation's highest honor given to employers for exceptional support of Guard and Reserve employees. Glendale was nominated for the prestigious award because of our support for Guard members, Reservists and their families during their military service. The city was also recognized for its strong reintegration program for returning

service members to ease them back into their civilian roles as well as the leadership role we have taken in veteran outreach efforts with the establishment of the annual **Stand Up for Veterans** event.

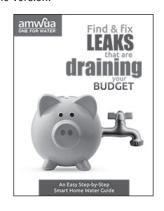
For the third year in a row, I am leading a dedicated group of Glendale citizens, including veterans, along with veteran-focused government agencies and non-profit organizations who are organizing and producing this one day event. **Stand Up for Veterans** is a collaborative, community based effort that honors and supports Valley veterans by providing access to employment, education and community resources to address the holistic needs of veterans and their families. This year's event will be held at Glendale Community College (6000 W. Olive Avenue) on Saturday, September 26 from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. **Stand Up for Veterans** is aimed at helping veterans avoid homelessness, gain access to employment and higher education, address legal issues and inform veterans of available benefits. For more information, visit us at glendalestandup.org.

As always, you can reach me by phone at 623-930-2260 or email at mayorweiers@glendaleaz.com. You can also follow me on Facebook (facebook.com/MayorWeiers) or Twitter (@MayorWeiers).

In Your Service, Mayor Jerry P. Weiers

Now is a Good Time to Check for Leaks

The Glendale Water Services Department is pleased to announce the publication of the new *Smart Home Water Guide*, a step-bystep manual for tracking down leaks inside and outside your home. Most leaks are easy to find if you know where to look. This easy-to-follow guide will walk you through the process. Contact the Conservation and Sustainable Living Office at 623-930-3553 for a free copy of the *Smart Home Water Guide* or go to amwua.org to view the on-line version.



Fall 2015 Glendale Green-Living Series

Get inspired, informed and save on energy and water. The Glendale Conservation & Sustainable Living Office offers a Green-Living series of free classes in the fall and spring. Classes are located at the Glendale Main Library (5959 W. Brown St.). Register at 623-930-3760 or wsimonson@glendaleaz.com. Find additional class information at glendaleaz.com/WaterConservation/classesandeducation.cfm.

Backyard Composting

Saturday, September 19 from 10 a.m. – noon

Are you interested in turning your kitchen scraps and yard waste into a rich soil addition? We gardeners know there is never enough compost! Help Mother Nature with her original re-use/recycle system! Learn tips, tasks, and benefits of home composting from a local gardening expert. Big yard, not so big... there is a composting system for almost every gardener. Compost makes for a happy garden which makes for a happy gardener! A free composter, courtesy of the Glendale Recycling Division, will be raffled for one lucky gardener after the class.

Vegetable Gardening in Tune with the Desert

Wednesday, October 21 from 6-7:30 p.m.

Do you want to grow your own vegetables? Here in the low desert we are lucky in that we have two growing seasons, fall and spring. Gardening expert Carol Stuttard will help you start or master vegetable gardening this fall. Learn about plant selection, soil preparation, and seasonal tips to give your garden the kickstart it needs for producing organic homegrown vegetables year round.

Glendale Xeriscape Garden Walk & Talk

Saturday, November 7 from 10 a.m. – noon

Question: Where can you find a collection of over 400 species of desert-adapted plants in the West Valley? Answer: At the Glendale Xeriscape Demonstration Garden. We'll start off the tour with a slideshow on how the Glendale Xeriscape Garden has evolved over the past 25 years. Stay for a guided tour of the garden led by the Glendale Conservation and Sustainable Living staff. Bring your walking shoes, sun protective gear, camera, and a notepad. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to experience the award-winning garden.

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